

THE FRENCH REVOLUTION (1789-1809)



Causes of the French Revolution

- Influence of Enlightenment
- Influence of the American Revolution

**The French Revolution
caused a...**

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T • The influence of the Enlightenment & American Rev.

Q: What kind of gov't did Enlightened thinkers like Locke, Montesquieu, Voltaire, and Jefferson NOT like? What kind did they like?

Q: What did Locke, and then Jefferson in the Declaration of Independence, say people should do if the gov't doesn't protect their rights?

Q: What would the Enlightenment & the American Revolution influence the French to do if they were unhappy with their gov't?

-want democracy

-willing to revolt to get it

French Revolution

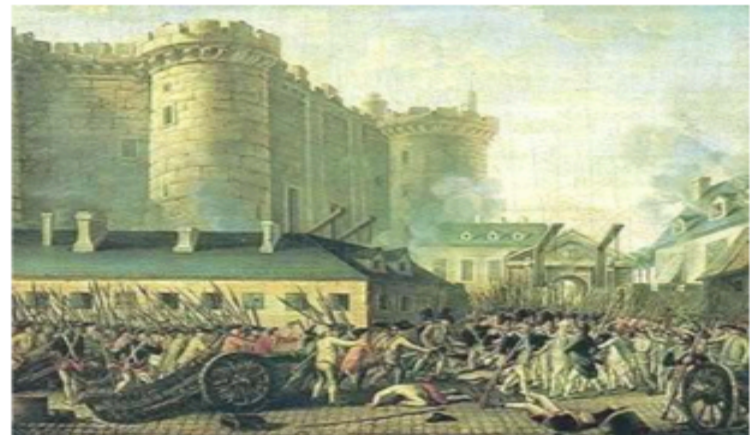
- E=Estate System
- 1st Estate-clergy (Catholics) <1%
- 2nd Estate-nobility (upper class) 2%
- 3rd Estate-bourgeoisie (middle class), lower class (poor), peasants (farmers) 98%

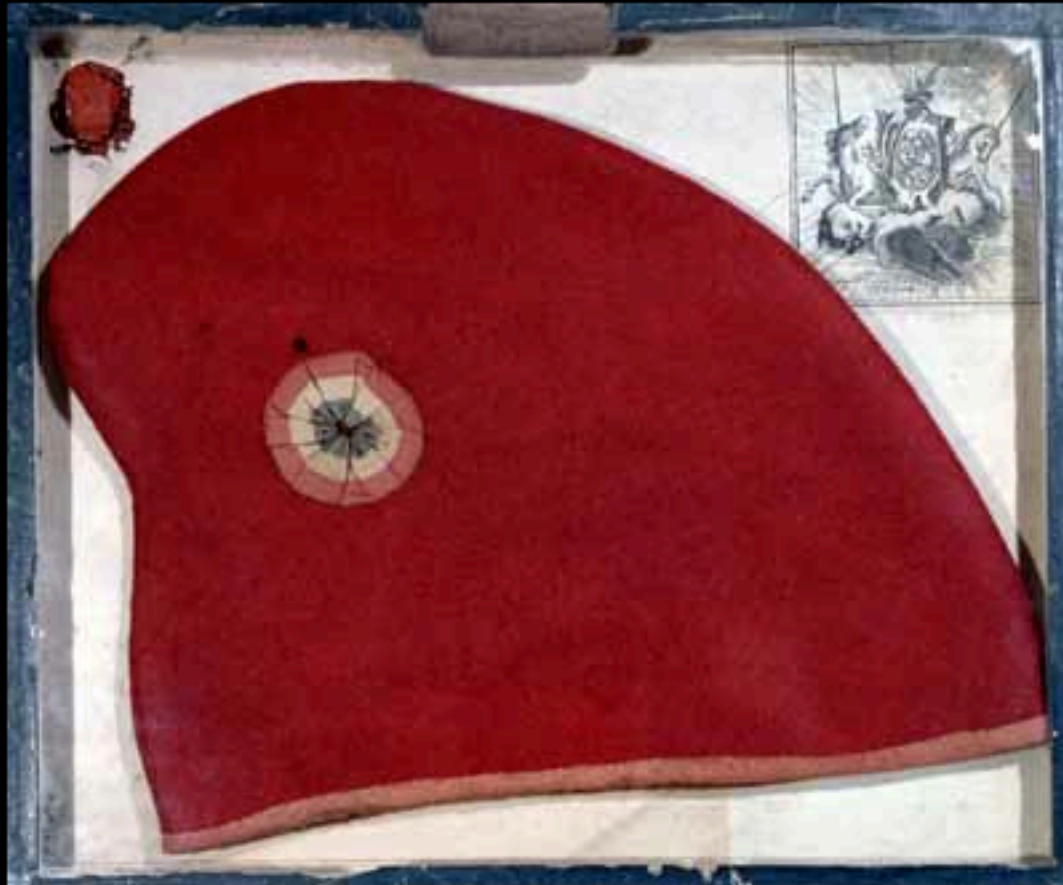
- 3rd Estate was treated unfairly by 1st & 2nd Estates



French Revolution

- R=Revolution begins-storming of the Bastille
- 3rd estate wants rights & equality
- July 14, 1789 - take over Bastille prison
- 3rd estate forms new gov't- National Assembly
- The people are sovereign (they rule)
- ***Q: What would Hobbes say should happen now that the people are sovereign?***





A French Revolutionary-era Phrygian cap is patched with a red, white and blue cockade. The Phrygian cap has been a symbol of liberty since antiquity.

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*Liberty Leading the People – Eugene
Delacroix 1830*





French Revolution

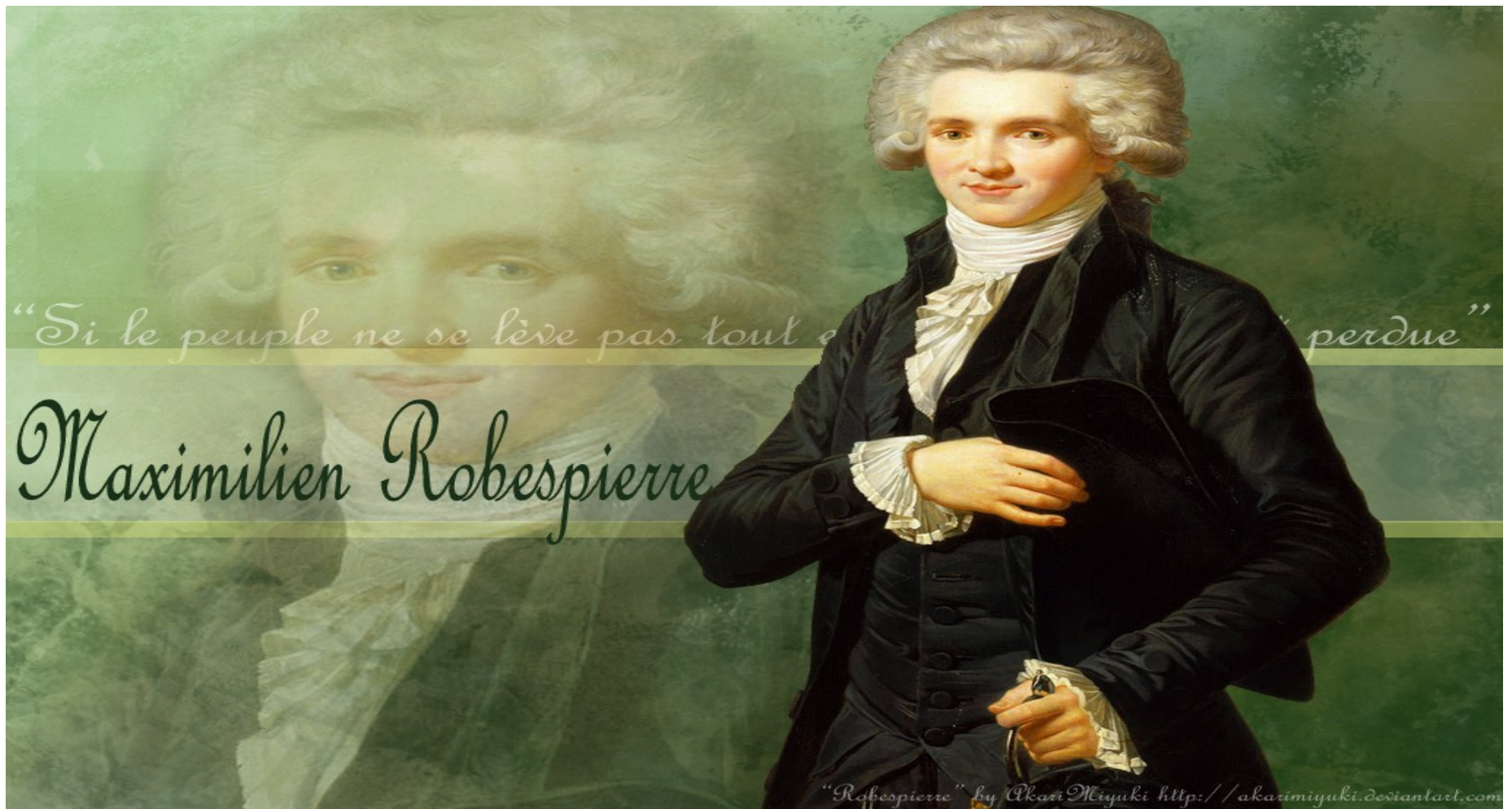
- R=Reign of Terror
- kills anyone against the revolution
- 3rd estate radicals use guillotine to execute opponents (17,000)

- *Q: Does the 3rd estate seem at all*
- *hypocritical?*
- *Q: Does Hobbes seem right or wrong in*
- *this case?*



REIGN of TERROR

- ROBESPIERRE WAS MASTERMIND





THE DEATH OF ROBESPIERRE

He was guillotined at Paris by an anonymous executioner from the bloody Thermidor, after having the knife from that punishment to which without remorse he had condemned many thousands of innocent victims.

LA MORT DE ROBESPIERRE

On fut guillotiné à Paris le 28 juillet 1794, un exécutant anonyme de ces Terreur, après avoir eu le couteau de cette punition à laquelle sans pitié il avait condamné tant de milliers d'innocents.

Louis XVI



Marie Antoinette – Louis XVI' s wife





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LOUIS XVI THREATENED BY THE MOB ON THEIR VISIT TO THE TUILERIES.

JUNE 20, 1792.

French Revolution

- O=Off with absolute monarch Louis **XVI**'s head
- New gov't is weak & corrupt
- ***Q: According to Hobbes, would a gov't without a king be able to meet the needs of the people? Why or why not?***



French Revolution

- R=Rise of Napoleon
- Becomes a dictator after coup d'etat
- coup d'etat = quick takeover of gov't
- *Q: Would Hobbes say things would be better or worse now that an absolute ruler is in charge?*



NAPOLEON becomes EMPEROR-1804











Influence of the American and French Revolutions on the Americas

- Independence came to ***French, Spanish, and Portuguese colonies***
- Toussaint L' Ouverture- Haiti
- Simon Bolivar- South America